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## HIGHLIGHTS

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES (DHSS) AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (LPHA) PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE "MOVING MISSOURI'S PUBLIC HEALTH FORWARD: EXPLORING WHAT WORKS" – March 18-19**

Registration is open for the DHSS and LPHA Public Health Conference "Moving Missouri's Public Health Forward: Exploring What Works" on March 18 & 19 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. The conference is free of charge and travel reimbursement is available for LPHAs (*see registration form for details*). Space is limited, so please share with your staff and register soon. Make hotel reservations no later than **March 4 by calling 573-445-8531 or 800-933-8531 and mention code PUC**. A block of single and double occupancy rooms has been set aside until March 4. The conference agenda and on-line registration is available at <http://health.mo.gov/living/lpha/meetings.php>.

### **THE HENRY COUNTY HEALTH CENTER HAS MOVED**

Effective February 16, the Henry County Health Center has moved their office to 1800 Community Drive, Clinton, MO 64735.

### **FEBRUARY 28 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS RARE DISEASE DAY**

February 28 has been designated as Rare Disease Day. In the United States, any disease affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans is considered rare. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), there are nearly 7,000 such diseases affecting nearly 30 million Americans. As many as one in ten Americans are suffering from a rare disease. Many of these diseases are genetic and more than half of the people who have rare diseases are children. Studies have shown that it often takes five years or longer to get an accurate diagnosis of a rare disease. In addition, only about 200 of the diseases classified as rare have approved treatments. To learn more about Rare Disease Day go to <http://rarediseaseday.us/about/> and to learn about rare diseases go to NORD <http://rarediseases.org/>.

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- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) ANNOUNCES \$9 MILLION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS PROGRAM**

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced the availability of \$9 million in funding to assist low-income individuals and communities in developing local and independent food systems. NIFA is funding the grants through the [Community Food Projects Program \(CFP\)](#), authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill). Grants are intended to help eligible, private, nonprofit entities in need of a one-time installment of federal assistance to establish and carry out multipurpose community food projects. Projects are funded from \$10,000 to \$300,000 and up to 36 months. All grants require a dollar-for-dollar match in resources. Applications are due March 17. Please see the [request for applications](#) for specific program requirements.

## **CHANGING THE FUTURE OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY: ALIGNING AND AMPLIFYING STATEWIDE EFFORTS CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

The Bureau of Community Health and Wellness is offering 12 scholarships for LPHA staff to attend the statewide conference on April 21-22. This meeting will showcase statewide recommendations to advance prevention and treatment of childhood obesity. Applicants should complete the LPHA scholarship [application](#) and return it to [Marcia.davis@health.mo.gov](mailto:Marcia.davis@health.mo.gov) by close of business on March 20. Applicants will be notified by March 27 if selected. For more information, please contact [pat.simmons@health.mo.gov](mailto:pat.simmons@health.mo.gov).

## **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI'S MASTERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) STUDENTS ARE SEEKING INTERNSHIPS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2015**

Energetic, enthusiastic University of Missouri's Masters in Public Health (MPH) students are seeking internships in the summer 2015. LPHAs are terrific sites for MPH students to gain practical field experience in the real world of public health! Typically, internship projects include (but are not limited to) assistance with community assessment and strategic planning, researching and applying for grants, strategic communication and outreach, and program evaluation. If you are interested in potentially hosting an MPH intern this summer, contact Lynelle Phillips, RN, MPH, Field Placement Coordinator, at MU MPH Program at [phillipslm@health.missouri.edu](mailto:phillipslm@health.missouri.edu) or 573-884-8976. Learn more about our program at <http://publichealth.missouri.edu>.

## **REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) FOR SPREADING COMMUNITY ACCELERATORS THROUGH LEARNING AND EVALUATION (SCALE)**

SCALE is an exciting opportunity, made available by the generous support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, for communities in the United States to substantially accelerate their health improvement journey. SCALE recognizes and values that communities hold the solutions to improve their health. Therefore, the goal of SCALE is to equip communities with skills and resources to unlock their potential and achieve significant results. Twenty pacesetter communities will be selected to participate in SCALE, a 20-month intensive "learning and doing" program designed to assist communities to achieve unprecedented results in improving the health and well-being of people, populations, and the community-at-large. SCALE will support communities in their efforts to address factors that contribute to health, lead complex change, and advance equity. For more information, see <http://www.ihl.org/Engage/Initiatives/100MillionHealthierLives/Pages/SCALEInitiative.aspx>. The application deadline is **March 4**.

## **FEBRUARY 2015 MISSOURI INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT (MICA) USER GROUP NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE**

The February 2015 MICA User Group Newsletter is now available on-line at <http://www.health.mo.gov/data/mica/MICA/newsletters.html>. This quarter's newsletter provides information on working with the years of potential life lost (YPLL) statistic and calculating crude rates for zip codes. Regular features of the newsletter include a public health spotlight interview, descriptions of any data/feature updates, and practice exercises. To receive the newsletter and information on training opportunities directly, please send an e-mail to [Becca.Mickels@health.mo.gov](mailto:Becca.Mickels@health.mo.gov) with SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. Any questions or comments can also be directed to this address.

## **AVAILABLE RURAL HEALTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:**

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health would like to announce two funding opportunities below which are being provided by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). For detailed information please see the attached [document](#).

- Rural Outreach Benefits Counseling Program Funding
- Rural Network Allied Health Training Program Funding

Also, to receive updates on topics for rural health, including funding opportunities, articles, and more – subscribe to our “*Rural Spotlight*” at: <http://health.mo.gov/blogs/ruralspotlight/>. Make sure to sign up today!

## **CHILDHOOD HEALTH INTERVENTIONS AND GRANT FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING SURVEY**

On behalf of Saint Louis University, College of Public Health & Social Justice, Health Management & Policy Department, and in association with Raise Your Hands for Kids, an initiative to raise funds for early childhood (children ages five (5) and under) education, we are requesting your assistance in completing a brief survey on early childhood health interventions and grant funding accountability and reporting. The results of the survey will be used to craft a ballot initiative proposing an increase in the cigarette tax in order to fund block grants that will be provided to counties to fund health and early childhood education. The Department of Health Management & Policy at Saint Louis University has partnered with the Raise Your Hands for Kids initiative to provide research and guidance in developing the ballot initiative. The survey is comprised of both open and close-ended questions, and will take approximately ten minutes to complete. The results of this study may be published in scientific journals or used in the development of the ballot initiative. However, your name and identity will not be revealed. We value and appreciate your participation in completing the survey. It is our aim that the survey results will provide Raise Your Hands for Kids with valuable information to develop a ballot initiative responsive to the needs of the programs and organizations that will receive the grant funds. Please click on the following link to begin the survey: [https://qtrial2015az1.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_50fd1iAyLuxBIrz](https://qtrial2015az1.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_50fd1iAyLuxBIrz).

## **WIC UPDATES**

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Program Enhancement Funding
- Microcuvette and Analyzer Deliveries
- Breast Pump Order
- Fundamentals of Breastfeeding – An 18-hour course
- Duplicate Participants – Updated
- Deceased Participants – Updated
- Continuing Education Units (CEU's) Corner
- **JOB OPENING:** Full-Time WIC Nutritionist (Nutrition Technician) – St. Louis County Department of Health
- **JOB OPENING:** Full-Time WIC Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist – Cole County Health Department
- **JOB OPENING:** WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor – St. Louis County Department of Health

## **2015 MISSOURI FISH ADVISORY GOES MOBILE**

DHSS released the 2015 Fish Consumption Advisory, an annual report that provides a variety of useful information to people who consume fish caught in Missouri waters. DHSS also released the 2015 Summary of Fish Advisory Booklet. If you have not seen the booklet, it contains three recipes that are definitely worth trying. New this year is the Fish Advisory Interactive Map that is now available for use on mobile devices. To see if your favorite fishing hole has an advisory, go to <https://ogi.oa.mo.gov/DHSS/fishAdvisory/index.html>. For more information, visit the fish advisory web page at [www.health.mo.gov/fishadvisory](http://www.health.mo.gov/fishadvisory) or contact the Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology at 573-751-6102 or toll free at 866-628-9891.

## **LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (LPHA) EBOLA WEB PAGE UPDATES**

The LPHA Ebola Updates have been posted to the LPHA Ebola web page. You can view the updates at: <https://health.mo.gov/EmergencyInfoForLPHAs/ebola/ebola.php>. This week's updates include:

- Current Outbreaks (CDC)
- New section entitled "Information and Guidance" with informational links

For questions, contact Jennifer Harrison by e-mail at [Jennifer.Harrison@health.mo.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Harrison@health.mo.gov), or by telephone at 573-522-2881.

## **INSTITUTE OF MEDICINES (IOM) PAPER, NEW STUDY AIM TO BRING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS (CHWs) INTO MAINSTREAM OF HEALTH CARE**

A health innovation is showing tremendous gains in improving health, especially among vulnerable populations. It has produced a return on investment of 4:1 when applied to children with asthma and a return on investment of 3:1 for Medicaid enrollees with unmet long-term care needs. Among participating patients with HIV, 60 percent achieve undetectable viral loads. Yet it isn't widely replicated, and it isn't supported by most health care financing mechanisms. In fact, some organizations that successfully deploy the innovation – and show better health outcomes – actually lose money. The innovation is CHWs, and this week the Public Health Institute (PHI) releases a report, discussion paper, and short video that make the case for how and why we should bring CHWs into the mainstream of health care delivery in California and beyond.

- In Community Health Workers in California: Sharpening Our Focus on Strategies to Expand, PHI's California Health Workforce Alliance (CHWA), with support from the Blue Shield of California Foundation, sets forth recommendations to overcome barriers to integrate CHWs into team-based primary care in California's safety net institutions
- PHI CEO Mary A. Pittman, DrPH, draws heavily on the CHWA report to explain why advancing the role of CHWs should be a key national population health strategy in her discussion paper for the IOM Roundtable on Population Health Improvement
- CHWA, in partnership with PHI's CA4Health program, released a short video on CHWs, reinforcing many of the key points in both papers

Click [here](#) to read more about these releases and PHI's work on CHWs.

## **DHSS CORNER**

### **DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:**

There are no DHSS job opportunities or staff updates for this week's Friday Facts.

## **MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS**

### **TUBERCULOSIS (TB) ORIENTATION TRAINING**

The DHSS Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program will be conducting "*TB Orientation Training*" this spring at various locations in Missouri. The target audience for this training is new Public Health Nurses or other health professionals whose duties include Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) and TB case management or those who need refresher training in TB. This course will provide information and education about basic concepts related to TB prevention and control. There is no cost, but registration is required as class size is limited, and to ensure we have enough handouts available. If you are interested in attending, please complete the registration form and send to Lesha Peterson at: [Lesha.Peterson@health.mo.gov](mailto:Lesha.Peterson@health.mo.gov), or fax to 573-526-0235. If you have questions regarding this training, please call 573-751-6113.

### **MISSOURI NURSES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH-SOUTHWEST REGION MEETING – March 6**

The next meeting for Missouri Nurse's for Public Health-Southwest Region will meet Friday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Hammons Heart Institute in Springfield, MO. Local retail and hospital pharmacists, along with a drug representative will be speaking about drug shortages and other aspects of their jobs. For more information, please contact Angie Owings at 417-864-1815 or [aowings@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:aowings@springfieldmo.gov).

### **STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE (SNS) TRAINING FOR INVENTORY MANAGEMENT – March 12**

The SNS training will be held at the Moberly Area Community College/Kirksville Higher Education Center, 2105 East Normal Street, Kirksville, MO 63501. It will cover an overview of the SNS program and allow participants hands-on experience using the SNS Missouri Health Strategic Architectures & Information Cooperative (MOHSAIC) ordering system. We will also be giving out two Excel spreadsheets which will allow you to print Bill of Lading or Transfer of Inventory forms so you will have chain of custody paperwork when you move antibiotics or antiviral medications to your points of dispensing (PODs) or participating pharmacies. Your staff will receive a spreadsheet template which will allow you to track the distribution of antibiotics, immunizations, etc., at the POD level. These templates have been created so it is easy to move data from the MOHSAIC system into excel so you have the ability to manage your assets at the local level without having to be connected to the internet. Objectives for the course are to learn how to set up a virtual warehouse, order supplies, and track items using an Excel spreadsheet. To register for this training, please go to the following URL: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>.

### **THE MISSOURI OUTDOOR SUMMIT: "COMMUNITIES CONNECTING PEOPLE AND THE OUTDOORS" - March 19-20**

Registration is now open for the Missouri Outdoor Summit: "*Communities Connecting People and the Outdoors*" to be held on March 19-20 at the Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City. The summit is for people interested in thinking strategically about how to increase outdoor opportunities in their communities and how to help connect residents to those opportunities. Health professionals, parks and recreation departments, and youth group organizers should attend. Please see [www.confedmo.org/missouri-outdoor-summit/](http://www.confedmo.org/missouri-outdoor-summit/) for registration information. The early registration fee is \$75.00. After March 1, it is \$85.00. For more information, please contact Kathy Craig at [Kathy.craig@health.mo.gov](mailto:Kathy.craig@health.mo.gov).

### **MISSOURI MILK, FOOD, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MMFEHA) 2015 CONFERENCE – March 31-April 3**

The MMFEHA 2015 Conference is to provide a forum for professional collaboration, education, and application of scientific principles related to environmental health practices. Join us for this four-day conference at the Country Club Hotel and Spa, 250 Racquet Club Drive, Lake Ozark, MO 65049. Please make your reservations before February 28 to secure the group rate discount. For more information, please see the attached [agenda](#). For questions, contact Paul Taylor at [PTaylor@stlouisco.com](mailto:PTaylor@stlouisco.com).

### **CREATING A HEALTHIER NATION 2030 – April 7**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health-Region VII is hosting a collaborative event, *Creating a Healthier Nation 2030*, on Tuesday, April 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.) at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO, and this event is free and open to the public, but registration is required <http://publichealthweekkc.eventbrite.com>. This half-day event will showcase *Public Health at Work* and highlight organizations and agencies currently working to create a healthier nation. **Please share with your networks.** If you have any questions, please contact Corstella Henley at [corstella.henley@hhs.gov](mailto:corstella.henley@hhs.gov). For more information, please see the attached [flyer](#).

### **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES MEETING – April 16**

The Bollinger County Health Center has been awarded a grant through the Missouri Foundation for Health to improve immunization awareness and education. The grant includes funding to host a public health nurses meeting in Poplar Bluff to expand knowledge of immunization protocols and improve the efficacy of immunization programs. The meeting is scheduled for April 16 at the Holiday Inn in Poplar Bluff. Nurses from the LPHAs in the Southeast District are invited to attend, with mileage being reimbursed for one car per agency. Lunch will be provided. The [agenda](#) and [registration forms](#) are attached. Funding for this project was provided by The Missouri Foundation for Health. The Missouri Foundation for Health is a philanthropic organization whose vision is to improve the health of the people in the communities it serves.

## **2015 CANCER SUMMIT - April 30-May 2**

The 2015 Cancer Summit is provided by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Service's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the Missouri Cancer Consortium. The purpose of this conference is to enhance knowledge of the learner in the area of evidence-based cancer care with the end result of improving the quality of life of the cancer survivor. The summit will be held April 30-May 2 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Columbia. Early registration for the three-day summit is \$40 for a single day and \$75 for two or more days. Registration brochures will be available in early March. Call the hotel before March 30 to receive a special room rate of \$83.00/night single or \$99.00/night double occupancy at 573-814-5464 and use code "**DOH**". For more information, please see the attached [document](#).

## **SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS**

### **UPCOMING SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS**

Please see the [attached flier](#) listing upcoming satellite broadcasts. Contact Jackie McCoy at 573-751-6170 or Heather Rhodes at 573-751-6168 with questions or to report technical problems.

## **LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **FULL-TIME PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Clay County Public Health Center**

CCPHC is seeking candidates for the position of a full-time Public Health Nurse. The Public Health Nurse performs a variety of activities within our Family Health Services team, including, but not limited to: Administering age-appropriate immunizations following established protocols and clinical standards; participating in the case management of clients; conducting case management following program guidelines; utilizing EMR for documentation, scheduling, etc.; participating with local physicians, businesses, schools, organizations, and others in the community to provide services directed at health promotion, protection, and disease prevention; interacting with other health agencies, community health organizations, and stakeholders for the benefit of the community; assisting with case-finding through contacts with physicians, school authorities, health and welfare agencies, professional and lay groups and individuals; marketing CCPHC services and addressing health concerns; and other duties as assigned. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree and a Missouri Registered Nurse (RN) license are required. Case management, immunizations, and/or WIC experience is preferred. Excellent communication and computer skills are also required. Bilingual skills are a plus. Interested parties may view our current benefits package and apply on-line at [www.clayhealth.com](http://www.clayhealth.com) or send a cover letter, resume, and application to Clay County Public Health Center, attn.: Human Resources, 800 Haines Drive, Liberty, MO 64068.

### **FULL-TIME PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Pettis County Health Center**

The Pettis County Health Center is seeking a public health nurse for a full-time position for a public health nurse. A RN license is preferred, but will consider an experienced LPN, to provide a variety of public health nursing services. Primary focus will be on maternal-child health programs. Other duties will include clinic services, program management, community education, and outreach services. The salary scale and the full benefit package have been recently increased. Please submit resumes in envelope labeled "Public Health Nursing" to the Pettis County Health Center, 911 East 16th Street, Sedalia, MO 65301 or e-mail to [wiltsk@lpha.mopublic.org](mailto:wiltsk@lpha.mopublic.org). The application deadline has been extended to March 6. The Pettis County Health Center is an equal opportunity employer.

## **OTHER JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **EXTERNAL RELATIONS SPECIALIST - St. Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice (CPHSJ)**

This position organizes the efforts of the college's various external partners, assists in developing strategic partnerships with the CPHSJ in coordination with the various schools and the development Office, principally organizes events sponsored by the college with the goal to increase visibility, improve community involvement, and as an alumni involvement and student recruiting mechanism. See the [attached](#) flyer for further information.

**WORKFORCE PLACEMENT COORDINATOR - St. Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice (CPHSJ)**

This position organizes the efforts of the colleges regarding career services; evaluates markets employing graduating students from CPHSJ, develops strategic relationships, develops processes and infrastructure to support an aggressive employment program, and serves as a single source of contact for potential employers looking for graduating CPHSJ students. For more information, please click [here](#).

**INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR - St. Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice (CPHSJ)**

This position organizes the efforts of various field placement and internship coordinators across the college, including developing a comprehensive database and setting strategic direction; works in conjunction with the various program's internship coordinators, assists in outreach to community partners to develop an organized approach for the college and the students. For more information on this job opportunity, please click [here](#).

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